

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2002 - 0142

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR
THE LOS ANGELES REGION TO REVISE BACTERIA OBJECTIVES FOR WATERS
DESIGNATED FOR WATER CONTACT RECREATION

WHEREAS:

1. In 1975, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, (Regional Board) adopted two Water Quality Control Plans (Basin Plan) for the Santa Clara River Basin and the Los Angeles River Basin, respectively.
2. The Regional Board adopted a revised Basin Plan for the Los Angeles Region on June 13, 1994 which combined these two Basin Plans into a single document which was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on November 17, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law on February 23, 1995.
3. On October 25, 2001, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 01-018 (attached) amending the Basin Plan to update the bacteria objectives for waters designated for water contact recreation.
4. Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, scientific peer review, and other State laws and regulations.
5. At the SWRCB's May 16, 2002 Board Meeting, concerns were raised by the County of Los Angeles regarding the appropriateness of existing designations of the REC-1 beneficial uses to certain fresh waters, specifically those to which public entry is prohibited for health and safety reasons through no trespassing postings and fencing.
6. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the SWRCB and until the regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

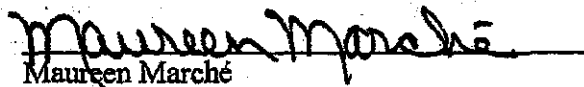
The SWRCB:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan to update the bacteria objectives for waters designated for water contact recreation as adopted under Regional Board Resolution No. 01-018.

2. Directs the Regional Board to review its REC-1 beneficial use designations, focusing on swimming during wet weather in fresh waters, specifically those to which public entry is prohibited for health and safety reasons through no trespassing postings and fencing. In this connection, the Regional Board should, upon consultation with appropriate state, regional, and local flood control and resource agencies, assess how enhancement or restoration of watercourses that have been the subject of previous alteration for flood control purposes can be accomplished to alleviate these restrictions and beneficially affect other uses of these waters. If enhancement and restoration is not possible, the Regional Board should consider variability in likelihood or frequency of recreational use with seasonality and flow.
3. Authorizes the Executive Director to submit the amendment adopted under the Regional Board Resolution No. 01-018 to the Office of Administrative Law and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on July 18, 2002.


Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board